

## The Brookfield Museum and Historical Society

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## PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Book Signing and Lecture by author Arthur Wiknik Jr.

NAM SENSE: Surviving Vietnam with the 101st Airborne
Division

Date and Time of Event: Monday Evening, May 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM

**Location:** Brookfield Museum located at 165 Whisconier Road, Brookfield Center (intersection of Route 25 and 133).

**Brief Description:** Former US Army Staff Sergeant Arthur Wiknik Jr., is seated on right with actor and host Lou Diamond Phillips on the Military Channel TV Series, *An Officer and a Movie.* Wiknik will conduct a presentation and book signing on his autobiographic work, *NAM SENSE: Surviving Vietnam with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.* It will take place in the Brookfield Museum located at 165 Whisconier Road, Brookfield Center (intersection of Route 25 and 133) on Monday evening, May 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

He served as an infantry squad leader and will recount his wartime experiences during his tour of duty in Vietnam. The book provides for the reader a glimpse of the Vietnam War through the soldier's eyes. Commenting on *NAM SENSE*, former Connecticut Congressman and Vietnam Veteran, Colonel Gene Sherron, called it, "...the best, most accurate portrayal of the life of an Infantryman in Vietnam. If you read only one book about a soldier's life in Vietnam, read *Nam Sense!*" In the book Wiknik offers a perfect blend of candor, sarcasm, and humor - and he spares nothing and no one in its attempt to accurately convey what really transpired for the combat soldier during this unpopular war. Wiknik, who fought in the gruesome ten day battle on Hamburger Hill in the A Shau Valley, is a recipient of the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Today he lives with his wife Betty Jean and three daughters in Hingham, Connecticut. He also participated in the six hour History Channel production <u>Vietnam in HD.</u> Admission to the presentation is free. Following the program, complimentary refreshments will be offered. For more information on other upcoming events of the Brookfield Historical Society log onto www.brookfieldcthistory.org.